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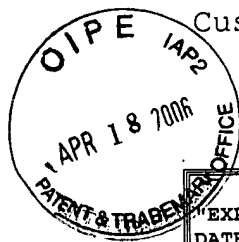
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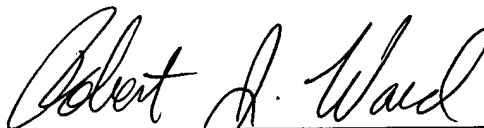
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Ward", is written over a horizontal line.

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 24, 2006 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. As such, Applicants are timely filing this Amendment and Response

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on April 17, 2006. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3, the **Remarks** begin on page 15, and the **Conclusion** begins on page 17 of this paper.